

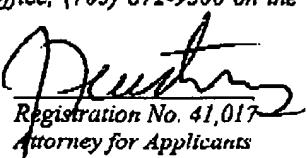
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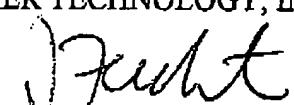
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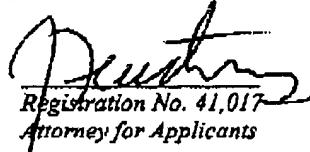
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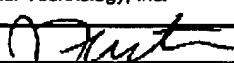
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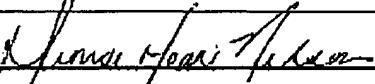
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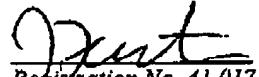
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Dear Sir:

The above-referenced patent application was filed on August 5, 2003. Since then, more than one and one-half years have elapsed, and no further communications have been received in regard to this application. The undersigned attorney respectfully requests that he be informed of the status of the referenced application.

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